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Uptown/Carrollton Historic District Study Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 7, 2015

Location: City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, 7th Floor, Conference Room B

Called to order: 1:05 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:15 p.m.

Members present: Kim Washington, Marshall Hevron, Michael Harowski, Ron Babin, Tim Hemphill

Members absent: Nadege Assale, Ashley Aubrey Harrison

Staff Present: C. Elliott Perkins, Eleanor Burke, Melissa Quigley

- A. Roll Call
- B. Introductions
- C. Overview of HDLC jurisdiction levels & process

Eleanor Burke gave a summary of the HDLC mission, historic districts, office structure and review process. In particular, she described the nature of partial control districts under the jurisdiction of the HDLC including Tremé, Esplanade Ridge and the Garden District.

- D. National Register district boundaries and designation report.

Elliott Perkins presented the 2010 FEMA survey of Uptown and Carrollton. The staff stated that the National Register boundaries reflect the work of the National Park Service to create a cohesive district that reflects the period of significance for Uptown and Carrollton. The Staff stated that the Study Committee could adopt the boundaries of the National Register district or shift them as they deemed necessary.

- E. FEMA SURVEY

Elliott Perkins presented the FEMA survey in greater detail. There was a discussion about the ratings and the difference between contributing and non-contributing buildings. Marshall Hevron inquired if the current HDLC staffing levels were sufficient to handle an increased workload. Elliott Perkins replied that current staffing levels are sufficient for demolition-only partial control districts but anything beyond that would require additional staffing. There was a discussion of HDLC funding sources and budget numbers.

Ms. Washington inquired about the projected timeline. Mrs. Burke stated that the Mid City/Parkview Committee had set of a goal of the end of the year to make their recommendation, but that the timeline was up to the Committee. Ms. Washington inquired if the Staff had notified the neighborhood associations affected by the proposal and whether or not the FEMA survey could be accessed by the public. Mr. Perkins stated that the staff was working with the City IT department to make the survey data available online and



that the staff would collect the contact information for the affected neighborhoods for notice of future meetings.

The group requested that Shelly Landrieu attend a meeting to discuss the Garden District's process for determining levels of jurisdiction when it became a district. The staff stated that they would invite her to the following meeting.

The staff suggested that they generate a few proposed district boundary options for the next meeting for the Committee to discuss. Mr. Harowski stated that he felt that would aid in the Committee's work. The Committee also agreed that meetings should be held in the evenings in the neighborhood so that they could be better accessed by interested neighbors.

At this time, the meeting was opened up to public comment. Several speakers stated their concerns regarding demolitions in their neighborhoods. Hillary Irvin inquired about the process for creating local historic districts including City Planning and City Council meetings. She also stated that she was in favor of partial control including demolition and new construction review. Robert Larson stated he was personally against a full control district. The commenters agreed that evening meetings in the neighborhood would be better to allow neighbors to participate in the process.

The Committee agreed that they would like to the HDLC staff to schedule the next meeting in two weeks and that they would find a location. At this time, there being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned.